

his fourth impressive career when he retires as founding executive director of the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association (TMA). In that capacity Pete contributed directly to the economic vitality of the 7th Congressional District by advancing hundreds of transit improvements, including the 422 River Crossings Projects, I-76/I-476 TSM project and many more.

Without doubt, however, Pete's greatest accomplishment is his loving and devoted family. His wife Maryanne, the love of his life and best friend, has been one of the area's finest Latin teachers for nearly two decades at the Haverford School. Their daughter Maryanne, her mother's namesake, scholarly equal and successful business leader, is married to Mr. Bryan Hancock with 2 beautiful children, Will and Hugh. Pete Quinn Jr, husband to Kristen and father of Warner and Anderson, reflects the best of his father. A graduate of the US Naval Academy and F-18 Hornet pilot, he's currently serving our nation as we fight wars on two fronts.

Madam Speaker I ask that we pause and salute Pete and Maryanne Quinn, their exceptional children and grandchildren for representing the epitome of a life well lived in loving service to one another, their community and our great nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JOINT
VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County as they commemorate Flag Day 2008, Naturalization Day and the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the U.S. Army at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

I stand today in recognition of the individuals and organizations who make up The Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County: Army and Navy Union, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Korean War Veterans Association, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Reserve Officers Association, Southwest Asia Veterans, Ukrainian American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, Waves National, and the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Their collective and individual efforts ensure a memorable celebration of this year's Flag Day, Naturalization Day and the 233rd Birthday of the U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of The Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County as they commemorate Flag Day 2008, Naturalization Day, and the 233rd Birthday of the U.S. Army, and in recognition of the individual and collective commitment of the members and organizations to the Greater Cleveland Area.

CLYDE HAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clyde Han, of Cameron, Missouri. On May 31, 2008, after 25 years of service, Clyde retired from the Cameron, Missouri Fire Department.

Mr. Han has established a distinctive and well respected career serving and protecting the public. Clyde is a Certified Instructor for the University of Missouri Fire Service, and was the University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training Coordinator for Northwest Missouri for several years. Mr. Han is a certified Fire Investigator for the State of Missouri. Clyde was also an instructor for the Cameron Fire Department, as well as the Fire Inspector for the City of Cameron, Missouri. Mr. Han ended his career with the Cameron Fire Department as Captain.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Clyde Han, whose dedication and service to the citizens he helped protect has been truly outstanding. I commend Clyde on an exceptional career, and I am honored to serve him in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO TENNESSEE'S 4TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRE-
FIGHTERS

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, over 250 years ago, Benjamin Franklin created the Union Fire Company, the first volunteer fire fighting company in America. Today, volunteers make up over 70% of United States firefighters, with 820,000 Americans dedicating their free time to protecting their neighbors, homes and communities from fire and other calamities.

More than 21,000 of the roughly 30,000 fire departments in the country are entirely comprised of volunteer service members ready and willing to respond to over a million fires every year. Our volunteer fire fighters spend their time and resources to train, prepare and equip themselves so they are ready to face whatever challenge might threaten our homes or safety. Moreover, firefighters are summoned to address a wide variety of emergencies in our country every year, from emergency medical care to natural disasters, water rescue to threats from hazardous materials and more.

The volunteer firefighters of today are working hard to carry on a tradition of commitment to each other that outlasts America itself. As long as fires threaten the well-being of our neighbors and loved ones, the volunteer firefighters of America will continue to answer the call in our defense. For all they do, they deserve our thanks and respect. I rise with my colleagues today to applaud their service and that of paid full-time and part-time firefighters to our country and their noble regard for the protection of us all.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF GRAND BLANC

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Church's founding. A celebration was held on June 1st in Grand Blanc, Michigan to mark this momentous occasion.

The First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc was founded in 1833 when 26 settlers came together to establish a place of worship. Their guiding beliefs were a dedication to God, religious liberty, belief in the literal translation of the Bible, separation of Church and state, and the autonomy of the local Church.

The 26 individuals were Daniel Williams, Alfred Brainerd, John Tupper, Alden Tupper, Newall Tupper, Harrison Tupper, Alexander Tupper, Phile Miner, John Fritz, Robert Winchell, Philander Williams, Betsy Tupper, Hannah Tupper, Isabelle Tupper, Asenath Brainerd, Sarah Brainerd, Alice Miner, Susanna Fritz, Electa Williams, Sophrona Straw, Almira Phelps, Lovina Gilbert, Sarah Perry, Lovina Williams, Jason Austin, and Eunice Austin. The first meetings were held in a barn and the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc became the first Protestant Church between Pontiac and the Straits of Mackinaw.

Over the years the congregation has grown. The Church was officially dedicated in 1851 and over the years the congregation has expanded the building and facilities to suit the growing needs of the faithful. In addition to the classrooms and dining hall, a new fellowship hall and a 400-seat sanctuary have been added. The Church was named a State of Michigan Historic Site in 1974 and a National Historic Site in 1983.

Under the current leadership of interim pastor, Reverend Darrell Foltz, the congregation continues to work under the principles of vision, faith and courage to meet the challenges of our world. The congregation meets these challenges every day armed with their spiritual guidance and love of God.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc for celebrating their 175th anniversary. The bell that was installed in 1837 continues to ring today calling the faithful to worship. May it continue to ring for another 175 years.

A TRIBUTE TO M. MAGDALENA
CARRILLO MEJIA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. M. Magdalena Carrillo Mejia's years of service as the superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District. Dr. Mejia leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and she will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's leaders in education.

After earning her bachelor's and master's degree in Multicultural Education from the